

Thomas Jefferson to Andrew Ellicott, March 22, 1793, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Ellicott

Philadelphia, March 22, 1793.

Sir: — Your letter of the 16th to the President has been duly received wherein you require an examination into the execution of the general plan of the city by men of known profesional abilities, if this be addressed to the President under an expectation that he should order such an examination, I have to observe to you that it would be out of the line of his interference to originate orders relative to those employed under the Commissioners, their plans come to him for approbaton or disapprobation, but everything concerning the execution is left to themselves; and particularly the President declines all interference with those employed by them, or under them. The President is sincerely concerned at the difference which has taken place, but does not suppose it to be a case for any interposition on his part. To these expressions of his sentiments on the subject of your letter I have only to add those of regard and esteem from Sir

Your most obed't humble serv't,

Th. Jefferson.

MR. ANDREW ELLICOTT

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